

ALICE'S WONDERLAND BAKERY

EPISODE #: TBD
"On the Tail of the Easter Bunny"
Outline
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ACT ONE

BEAT A: It's a beautiful spring morning as puffs of steam toot from the bakery's spout. In the festively-decorated kitchen, ALICE (in an EASTER DRESS) hops out of a steam cloud atop a dancing dodo egg. COOKIE (in an Easter hat) arranges eggs of all sizes on the counter. As DINAH (wearing a daisy crown) pops out of a stack of baskets --

FERGIE (with pastel accents to his outfit) enters, his fur puffing and glasses fogging from the dissipating steam. "Happy Easter! What's with all the steam?"

ROSA (in an EASTER DRESS) enters soon after, carrying her art supplies. "Happy Easter! What's with all the eggs?"

HATTIE (with pastel accents to his outfit) tumbles out of the slide. He juggles some eggs as Dinah pounces out of the stack of baskets. "Happy Easter! What's with all the baskets?"

As Alice gets the dodo egg under control, she explains. The steam was from OVEN hard boiling the eggs; the eggs are for them to decorate; and the baskets are for the Easter Egg hunt they'll have with the decorated eggs. You know, all the fun stuff you do on Easter!

Fergie, Hattie and Rosa look to Cookie. She waves her bookmark at them: "I tried to tell Alice we didn't need to do any of this. But she's been having such a good time!" Rosa holds up her art supplies. She says she and the others are happy to help decorate eggs and set up an Easter Egg hunt. However, none of them have ever done those things before...

BEAT B: Alice is confused - do they not have these Easter traditions in Wonderland? They do, but the EASTER BUNNY handles that stuff! He hides eggs in the FLOWER GARDEN for the annual hunt and also puts out one-of-kind Easter baskets -- you never know who'll get a basket from year to year.

An excited Alice jumps to conclusions: does this mean her friends have *met* the Easter Bunny?! How exciting! She rattles off questions ("Is he fluffy or fuzzy?" "Do his ears flop?"). Fergie clarifies. They haven't actually met the Easter Bunny, though they agree it'd be pretty exciting if that ever happened.

In fact, no one in Wonderland has ever met him... And no one's tried harder than Cookie! She's collected Easter Bunny evidence over the years in an ongoing effort to find him. She's got a *lot* of questions about his egg-boiling technique ("How do they always come out so perfect?!"). So between the eggs, the baskets and the smattering of clues, he's clearly out there somewhere, but always a hop ahead of them...

BEAT C: Alice says that means one thing: they might meet the Easter Bunny today! She wants to thank him for the fun he brings every spring. Alice thinks she and her pals have what it takes to find him. They're the most curious bunch in Wonderland! Surely if they keep on the lookout during the egg hunt, they'll be hanging with the mysterious bunny in no time.

The others are onboard with Alice's idea. The only problem: how are they going to find him if they don't know what he looks like? Cookie chuckles: "I've got that covered. Follow me!"

BEAT D: Cookie leads the kids through the door under the stairs and down a hallway. They enter a room where she keeps her Easter Bunny clues! Blurry photos, coat buttons, fabric swatches and a plaster cast of a pawprint are among the items in her collection. Cookie thinks they can piece together what he looks like by using the clues. Rosa's already one step ahead of them – she's drawing a sketch!

Soon, the friends peer over Rosa's shoulder at her finished drawing. Fergie: "What a handsome guy!" (To the audience, the Easter Bunny looks an awful lot like the WHITE RABBIT from the 1951 film! He's properly Eastered-up though, wearing a pastel-patterned coat and bowtie, and holding a basket of eggs.)

Fergie's watch goes off – the egg hunt in the Flower Garden is starting soon. Now that they know what the Easter Bunny looks like, they should get going. Alice says they have just enough time to make a treat for the Easter Bunny. It'll be a fun surprise for the bunny who hands out treats to get one in return! As the friends brainstorm what to make him, Alice gazes at Rosa's sketch. "I've got it! We'll make a life-size chocolate bunny that looks just like him!" They're gonna need a lot of room to make something that big, though. And so they head to --

BEAT E: The BAKING SCHOOL! Alice, Fergie and Hattie launch into the recurring "**THE BAKING SONG.**" As the kids gather ingredients, Cookie goes through her collection of bunny molds - Alice keeps indicating to get a bigger one! Once they've got a life-sized one, the kids wield piping bags with different colored chocolate and other confections. Rosa acts as artistic director, pointing out which colors should go where in the mold before closing it up. Cut to Alice in her hard hat, carefully opening the mold. Reveal a chocolate bunny that looks just like our Easter-themed White Rabbit!

BEAT F: As the **SONG ENDS**, Fergie gazes at their creation, saying it needs one last touch. He puts a REAL CARROT in its hand. Alice loves it: "Let's go find the Easter Bunny!"

ACT TWO

BEAT A: CLOSE ON the chocolate bunny...flying through the air? Nope – it's strapped to the top of the TEA PARTY TO-GO-CART! Alice pulls up in the FLOWER GARDEN. As she, Cookie, Fergie, Hattie and Rosa climb out, a PAIR OF EYES fade in, giving the chocolate bunny a once-over. "My my, who do we have here?" The rest of CHESHIRE CAT fades in. He flies around the bunny as he tries talking to it, thinking it's real.

Alice gets Cheshire up to speed as she and Hattie carry the bunny to the ground. MOTHER ROSE, IRIS and THISTLE approach: the official Flower Garden HOSTS! It's a longstanding Wonderland tradition: the Easter Bunny supplies the eggs, and the Flowers oversee the egg hunt.

The garden is already a-buzz with activity – we see all types of FLOWERS milling about – and the Flower Hosts give Alice and friends a quick tour. We see courses set up with baskets – indicating egg hunts of varying difficulty - from beginner "Over Easy" to advanced "Hard-Boiled Spoils". Fergie thinks he might be ready for the "Medium Easy" course; Mother Rose loves his optimism!

There are also refreshments – including life-size MOME RATH MARSHMALLOWS (Wonderlandian Peeps) – which Cheshire also tries talking to. Alice is impressed with everything. But she has one question: where are all the eggs?

BEAT B: Iris explains that's entirely up to the Easter Bunny. He puts them out according to his own clock. Fergie: "A rabbit with a watch – he's my kind of guy!" Thistle says it's a great way to wow a crowd – keep them guessing! He breaks into a dance, urging the kids to guess what move he'll do next – when he stumbles, tripping over something...

It's EGGS! The garden is now brimming with them! How in carnation did the Easter Bunny do it? Thistle: "What a showman." He, Mother Rose and Iris head out – it's time for their hosting duties to begin as they oversee the egg hunt courses.

Alice is on high alert. Has anyone seen that mysterious bunny? Cheshire fades in, unhelpfully pointing to Fergie. But alas, no one saw a thing. Cookie is ready to go find him and asks where they should start. Alice points to three signs in the garden: HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE! "Let's get hoppin'!"

BEAT C: Alice and friends launch into an **ORIGINAL SONG: "ON THE TAIL OF THE EASTER BUNNY."** In a lively, fast-paced tune, optimism runs high as they're convinced they'll find the Easter Bunny! In a FANTASY SEQUENCE, they imagine what they'll say or do when they meet him. A tea party at the palace? Mushroom hopping in Mushroom Grove? A dance party at Dodo Beach? One thing's for sure, good times with the Easter Bunny will soon be a-foot!

BEAT D: As the **SONG ENDS**, Alice splits up their group so they can cover the different egg hunt courses. Rosa, Hattie and Cookie go off together and Alice sticks with Fergie.

We stay with Alice and Fergie, who search one of the easier courses. Colorful eggs abound, but there's no sign of the Easter Bunny. Or is there? As DOG AND CAT-ERPILLARS chase each other across a shrub, Alice sees something poking out behind it. She pulls out an Easter basket! It has rainbow carrots and a gardening hat in it. There's also a ribbon with a tag that has Fergie's face on it. Fergie hops with joy – the basket is for him!

As Fergie digs into his basket, Alice calls over a GLASSES BIRD. She peers through its lenses looking for clues. She spots some ribbon slithering through the grass – the same-colored ribbon as the one on Fergie's basket! She and Fergie follow the fast-moving ribbon. THEN – they see a cottontail. Make that two cottontails! Fergie: "Cottontails – are there TWO Easter Bunnies?" They part some leaves and GASP...

BEAT E: It's STEW and MARY ANN RABBIT (Fergie's parents)! Alice points to the ribbon hanging out of Stew's pocket. Fergie doesn't get that it's the same one from his basket; instead, he asks if they saw which way the Easter Bunny went! He wants to thank him for the goodies. Mary Ann and Stew say they haven't seen the Easter Bunny... and also admit they're the ones who left Fergie the basket! "Why should the Easter Bunny have all the fun?!" says Mary Ann, giving her son a hug.

BEAT F: A VOICE sings out across the garden. And is that harp music, too? Alice and Fergie follow the sound to a more difficult egg hunt course. They find Thistle singing into a whimsical-looking microphone as Iris accompanies him on harp!

Alice and Fergie join Hattie, Rosa and Cookie, who point to an Easter basket with Thistle's name on it. As Thistle sings jazzy scales and does flashy dance moves, he says it's a miracle – he needed a new microphone and the Easter Bunny came through! (He even got some jellybeans, too!) Now he can do an impromptu show tonight! Do the kids want to watch him rehearse some ideas? They politely decline – they're hot on the Easter Bunny's tail!

BEAT G: As Alice and her pals move out, Cookie clamors onto Hattie's hat to get a better view of the garden. She spots puffs of steam in the distance. Cookie thinks it might be the Easter Bunny boiling more eggs! *This is the moment she's been waiting for!*

They soon find a line of dancing and tooting TEAPOTS... led by MARCH HARE. Wait, is he the Easter Bunny? No no no – though he admits that sounds like a splendiferous thing to be. Nor did he see which way the Easter Bunny went.

Harry casually plops onto a mushroom and asks the kids if they'd like some tea. He's thirsty after running around looking for the perfect spot to hide Thistle's Easter basket.

Wait – he left it for Thistle? Yup – he knew Thistle needed a new microphone and thought it'd be nice to surprise him with one. "Plus – why should the Easter Bunny have all the fun?!"

The friends wonder - could the Easter Bunny be too clever to track down? Maybe, says Alice, but he also must be thirsty. Her friends ask what she means. If Harry needed a tea break after hiding a single basket, surely the much busier Easter Bunny could use one by now, too! Cookie: "So you wanna throw the Easter Bunny a tea party? Brilliant!"

BEAT H: Back at the chocolate bunny, the kids, Cookie and Harry set up the tea party. Alice is excited with this new approach: instead of looking for the Easter Bunny, he can come to them! Mother Rose admires their work... but what's with the trail of RED, HEART-PATTERNED EGGS? They lead from the chocolate bunny into the hardest egg hunt course. Harry marvels at the Easter Bunny's stealthy ways.

Alice and Rosa investigate the egg trail while the others wait at the tea party. It's the most curious trail either has ever seen. They pass FLAMINGO MALLETS gently bopping eggs around; HORN DUCKS tooting eggs into the air, where they're caught in BUBBLES from a bubble fountain. The trail ends at a flurry of flapping BREAD AND BUTTERFLIES, Rosa's favorite creatures in Wonderland. She twirls and giggles, totally delighted.

The butterflies flutter away... revealing an Easter basket! Inside is a chocolate crown with fruit jewels and an artist palette. A note reads: "Felices Pascuas, Rosa! Happy Easter!" The basket is for her!

Alice points to the tall plants surrounding them – the perfect place for the Easter Bunny to hide. Rosa's on it – she asks an UMBRELLA BIRD to give her a lift. As she flies ahead Alice chases on foot. Cheshire fades in, flying alongside Rosa. He points out silly, non-Easter Bunny related things before fading away again.

Rosa spots BUNNY EARS straight ahead! She drops back down beside Alice and the girls approach two huge leaves. Alice takes a deep breath – this is the moment. The girls part the leaves and curtsy: "It's an honor to meet you!"

BEAT I: The bunny ears turn around. It's the QUEEN OF HEARTS in a full-on bunny suit! "Mija it's me! Don't you love my costume?" Wait...is the Queen the Easter Bunny? She isn't, but she'd love to have him over to the palace someday. Rosa: "So is my Easter basket from you?" The Queen picks up Rosa and swings her around: "Surprise! Why should the Easter Bunny have all the fun?!" Alice sees the joy Rosa and her mom are sharing and smiles.

BEAT J: Alice and Rosa return to the chocolate bunny/tea party area, where everyone is having a good time. We see Alice taking all of this in, too. Her wheels are clearly turning. With the day growing late, Alice's friends are ready to console her – no one has

found the Easter Bunny. But Alice isn't sad. In fact, she's had a revelation: "There's something wonderful right in front of me..."

ACT THREE

BEAT A: Cookie jumps up: "Where is he? Is the Easter Bunny behind me?!" Alice giggles as she explains what she means. The acts of kindness – and fun – she's seen on their search has made her realize it's not *just* the Easter Bunny who spreads kindness – it's everyone who celebrates the holiday. From the Flowers hosting the egg hunt, to Wonderlanders leaving Easter baskets for each other, to baking treats to everyone simply spending time together – it takes more than one mysterious bunny to make it such a wonderful spring day.

The others agree, even Cookie. Sure, she'd still love to learn the Easter Bunny's egg-boiling secrets, but it's no match for the good times she's had with her pals today. Alice thinks the mystery around the Easter Bunny is also an ingredient that adds to the fun; but taking part in the festivities is the real heart of the holiday.

And Alice wants in on it, too: "After all, why should the Easter Bunny have all the fun?!"

BEAT B: Thistle pops in with his microphone, loudly announcing there are still a few more eggs out in the garden (and reminding folks of the impromptu show he'll be having later). As Thistle tries to decide what he should actually do at his show, Cheshire fades in and borrows the microphone. He's got a brilliantly bonkers idea. With so many bunnies in the crowd (Fergie, his parents, March Hare and the bunny-suited Queen) he suggests Thistle host a "Best Not-the-Easter-Bunny-But-Still-a-Bunny" competition! Thistle loves the idea!

As everyone fans back into the egg hunt courses, Alice hangs back. Cookie asks if she's coming along and Alice says she's got a little Easter fun of her own to whip up first...

BEAT C: LATER – As Hattie searches the area near the chocolate bunny, Alice slyly asks if he checked behind it. He takes a peek and finds a hat-shaped Easter basket! Inside are hot dogs and a bunch of mismatched socks. Hattie hugs the basket, he loves it. He asks if it's from Alice and she gives him a hug: "Surprise! Happy Easter, Hattie!"

BEAT D: Alice turns and immediately trips over something. It's another Easter basket! Inside are egg cups with Alice and her pals' faces painted on them as well as an egg-shaped egg timer. And there's a note: Happy Easter, Alice! From the Easter Bunny."

Everyone goes wild – Alice got an Easter basket from the Easter Bunny! Alice gives the timer to Cookie who absolutely flips out – now they can make hard-boiled eggs the Easter Bunny way! Alice's friends ask if she wants to try to catch up to him – he can't

have gotten far this time. Alice opts not to – the mystery is part of the fun, isn't it? We should let the Easter Bunny have his fun, too!

Plus, Alice adds, isn't it time for the "Best Not-the-Easter-Bunny-But-Still-a-Bunny" competition? Cheshire flies in and directs everyone O.S. Alice turns just before exiting and calls out: "Thank you, Easter Bunny!"

BEAT F: We stay on the chocolate bunny... who's no longer holding a carrot. THEN – we hear a CRUNCH. Reveal... a WHITE RABBIT! One who looks and sounds an awful lot like the 1951 White Rabbit! Holding a basket of eggs and dressed in an Easter-themed outfit exactly like the chocolate bunny's, he admires his confectionary likeness as he eats the carrot. He thinks Alice and her pals did a wonderful job!

The White Rabbit's pocket watch goes off. And so he hops off: "Can't be late on this very important date." And as he turns to camera and waves, wishing everyone a "Happy Easter!" we... **END SHOW.**